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Serial No.: 09/487,978

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**Title: MUSIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
AND ASSOCIATED ANTIPIRACY
PROTECTIONS**

Group Art Unit: 3621
Examiner: ELISCA, Pierre E.

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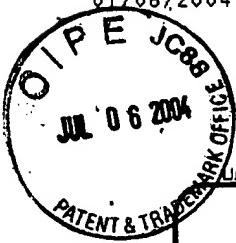
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